

SOLICITATION DAAD19-02-R-0008  
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS  
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QUESTION 1: Will the government delete the requirement for providing biographical sketches of proposed staff scientists with the proposal submission, providing that the contractor offers a credible alternative transition and staffing plan, potentially to include recruiting existing, qualified, and interested staff scientists?

ANSWER 1: While the solicitation mentions biographical sketches, the solicitation does not require the submission of biographical sketches. In Section L, the Paragraph entitled "CONTENT OF TECHNICAL/MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL," in connection with Factor 1b offerors are requested to provide the offeror's proposed Staff Scientist's skill levels, education level, technical disciplines and a description of the extent to which the proposed directly complement the research content of the cooperative agreement. While this information may be provided via biographical sketches, offerors are free to decide how best to provide this information. One approach could be the submission of a plan to provide the appropriate skills levels, etc. Section M indicates that the offeror's plan to staff and conduct the Staff Scientist's Program will be evaluated as part of Factor 1. Evaluation of the plan will take into consideration the offeror's ability to execute its proposed plan, as evidenced in the proposal.

QUESTION 2: Must an offeror's cited previous contract experience include specific support to high performance computing equipment, or will other major data center operation and outsourcing support provide demonstrated experience that is acceptable and compliant?

ANSWER 2: In Section L, the Paragraph entitled "CONTENT OF TECHNICAL/MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL," in connection with Factor 6, Past Performance, indicates "more reliance will be given to: performance on contracts of a similar nature than those that are less similar..." The specific requirements of this solicitation involve high performance computing (HPC) resources, with the users of those resources being university and DoD researchers. Thus, past performance in connection with major data center operation and outsourcing may be included in a proposal, but such past performance would be less similar than past performance in connection with high performance computing.

QUESTION 3: Can the due date for proposals be extended?

ANSWER 3: An amendment to the solicitation is being issued to extend the due date for proposals to 4 October 2002.